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SUBJECT: SOVIET JOURNAL ON MBFR

1. THE SOVIET JOURNAL "MEZHDUNARODNAYA ZHIZN" (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) HAS PUBLISHED IN ITS JUNE ISSUE AN ARTICLE ON MBFR ENTITLED "RESULTS OF THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS." THE AUTHOR IS LISTED AS "V. VIKTOROV," WHICH MAY BE A PSEUDONYM FOR VLADIMIR VIKTOROVICH SHUSTOV, A COUNSELOR FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS IN MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIVISION AND A SOMETIME MEMBER OF THE SOVIET MBFR DELEGATION.

2. THE ARTICEL IS GENERALLY A REPETITION OF STANDARD WARSAW PACT VIEWS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS, WITH THE USUAL ACCUSATIONS AIMED AT THE WEST FOR ITS ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO GAIN UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE. AUTHOR SAYS THAT "THE NATIONS OF NATO DO NOT YET SHOW ANY READINESS TO ENGAGE IN A SEARCH FOR A MUTUALLY ACEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE REDUCATION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN CENTRAL EUROPE." HE CITES WESTEN PRESS SOURCES AS REASONING THAT LESSENING PRESSURE FOR TROOP REDUCTIONS IN

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CONGRESS AND U.S. AND UK CONCLUSIONS THAT THEIR TROOPS

ARE JUST AS CHEAPLY MAINTAINED IN THE FRG AS AT HOME ARE
POSSIBLE FACTORS WHICH EXPLAIN NATO'S ALLEGED PASSIVE
STANCE IN THE TALKS. AUTHOR NEVERTHELESS PUTS GOOD FACE
ON THE NEGOTIATIONS, CLAIMING THEY ARE PROCEEDING IN A
"SERIOUS AND BUSINESS-LIKE ATMOSPHERE."

3. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF THE ARTICLE TO USDEL MBFR;
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